

Remarks

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 35-42; and claim 28, but for its dependence on a rejected base claim. In this response, the Applicants have amended the claims putting them in condition for allowance. More specifically, the novel features of claim 28, which were merely objected to, have been incorporated into independent claim 27. Additionally, the Applicants have amended claims 35 and 37 to correct minor typographical errors. Respectfully, the Applicants submit that claims 27-42 are now in condition for allowance.

The Applicants note they have related pending applications in process, including application numbers 11/817,785 and 11/871,743, as well as non priority claiming applications 11/421,698 and 11/465,792. The Applicants do not believe that these pending applications have an impact on the patentability of the instant application, but due to their common subject matter, vapor fueled engines, the Applicants draw the attention of the Examiner to their existence.

Conclusion

Claims 27-42 are pending, and are believed to be in allowable form. If the examiner has any questions regarding the substance of this office action response, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 503-796-2408.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,

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